



Core Maths

NCFE's **Level 3 Certificate in Mathematics for Everyday Life (Core Maths)** is suitable for a number of learners and provides them with the opportunity to develop their skills and confidence by using maths to solve meaningful and relevant problems.

As this is a relatively new qualification, we've listed below some key information on our Core Maths qualification, to help you understand more about the qualification and the benefits for you and your learners.

What is Core Maths?



- > an umbrella term for a specific type of level 3 maths qualification
- > an alternative post-16 maths pathway to AS and A level maths
- > an equivalent to an AS level in terms of size.

Who is Core Maths for?



Core Maths is available for students who have achieved a grade 4 or higher at GCSE. Take a look at our learner factsheet to find out more about which learners this qualification is suitable for.

Benefits for learners



- > Helps develop their quantitative and problem-solving skills providing valuable preparation for degree courses that don't require AS/A level mathematics, such as psychology or sport.
- > Can support with other subjects that have mathematical content e.g. psychology, which has at least 10% mathematical content.
- > It has the same number of UCAS tariff points as an AS level, providing great progression into higher education.
- > Only 20% is new content. 80% of the qualification is GCSE content, so it consolidates and builds on understanding from GCSE, to aid learning.
- > Focuses on real problem-solving to help learners apply maths to authentic, unfamiliar questions/problems and uses technology to build fluency, confidence and competence.

Why offer Core Maths?



- > It can be taught over 1 or 2 years to keep students studying maths between GCSE and HE or employment.
- > It can be studied alongside other A levels or qualifications, including vocational courses.
- > There's funding available from the advanced maths premium to support embedding it into your curriculum.
- > Increasing numbers of universities are supporting Core Maths in the offers they are giving students.
- > A great option for learners who had their learning disrupted during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- > We offer a suite of teaching resources tailored to support engaging and innovative teaching.
- > It comes with UCAS points and 16-19 Level 3 performance measure for schools and colleges.

Interested?

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